

I am outraged that Sinclair Broadcasting is preempting their programming to air a partisan documentary which sole purpose is to smear John Kerry. How dare they get involved in partisan politics at the public's expense! Democracy in this country seems to be slipping away, and I, as a law-abiding American am very, very afraid - not of terrorism as much as this mass deception.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Please stop this madness now. Thank you.